Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1808.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 13th day of September, 5808.

PRESENT:

M.E. ISAIAH THOMAS, Esq., . Grand High Priest.
E. OLIVER PRESCOTT, Esq., . Grand King.
" HENRY FOWLE, . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" EDW'D HORSMAN, . . Grand Secretary.
Rev. ASA EATON, . . . Grand Chaplain.
HENRY PURKETT, . . Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON, . . Grand Sentinel.
WM. TOMPKINS, . . Grand Inside Sentinel.
WM. EATON, . . . Grand Tyler.
E. THOMAS JACKSON, Rep. St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter.
" ANGIER MARCH, Rep. King Cyrus's R. A. Chapter.
" BENJ. MERRILL, " " " " "
" JOHN ABBOT, Rep. St. John's R. A. Chapter.
" DAVID CHILD, " " " " "
" THOMAS BROWN, Rep. Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter.
M.E. BENJAMIN HURD, Jr., Gen. Grand High Priest.

The Committee appointed Dec. 15th, 5807, to visit King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, &c., made report that they had attended the duty assigned them, and had on mature deliberation, left said Chapter their Charter, and recommend that their rights and privileges as a Chapter, be continued to them, which report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the proceedings of sundry spurious Royal Arch Masons at Roxbury, reported that the degrees were first conferred by Luke Riley, Isaac Gordon, Hugh Davy, Barnard Carroll, Samuel Swan and Thomas Riley, and that the following persons had been admitted, viz.: Nathaniel S. Prentiss, Samuel Silsby, Jas. Cawte, Norman Homes, Charles Durant, Daniel Knower, Edward Turner, Warren Marsh, Stephen Davis, inhabitants of Roxbury; Enos Withington, Eliphalet Spurr, Brookline; Henry Suter, Joshua Holden, Boston.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is, hereby directed to transmit to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, the names of the persons composing the Roxbury association and caution them not to hold any Masonic communication with them, and also to the several Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, that they also may be guarded against their impositions.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, Henry Purkett, Edw'd Horsman, E. Thomas Jackson and E. Andrew Sigourney, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to procure from time to time the names of those who may receive the degrees from the Roxbury association, that they may be transmitted agreeably to the last vote, and that said Committee be directed to confer with the Committee of the Grand Lodge appointed last evening, to take into consideration the conduct of the association at Roxbury, and to

assure them of the co-operation of the Grand Chapter in any measures they may devise to suspend the illegal proceedings at Roxbury.

Companions M.E. Henry Fowle, Thos. Brown and Henry Purkett, were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and to report what compensation should be allowed them for their services the year past, who reported that they find the Treasurer's account correct, balance due the Treasurer $94.94. The Secretary did not furnish his account, not having his vouchers, but reports the balance due to him at $75.18, and recommend that the Secretary be allowed and paid twenty dollars for his services the year past, which report was unanimously accepted.

Voted, That Comps. E. Thomas Jackson, Angier March and John Abbot, be a Committee to assort and count the votes for Grand Officers the ensuing year.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following officers were duly elected and appointed, viz.:

Elected.

M.E. Isaiah Thomas, Esq.,	Grand High Priest.
E. Oliver Prescott, Esq.,	Grand King.
" Thomas Carey, Jr.,	Grand Scribe.
" Andrew Sigourney,	Grand Treasurer.
" Edw'd Horsman,	Grand Secretary.

Appointed by the Grand High Priest.

E. Benjamin Russell, Esq.,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
Rev. Asa Eaton,	Grand Chaplain.
Capt. Henry Purkett,	Grand Marshal.

JACOB PERKINS,	Grand Steward.
JAMES LOCKE,	" "
SETH JOHNSON,	" "
ROBERT LASH, Jr.,	" "
WM. TOMPKINS,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
WM. EATON,	Grand Tyler.
JEREMIAH FOLSOM,	" "

The above named officers were duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

The Secretary was directed to notify the absent officers of their election.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented Comp. Thomas Redman for his services as Grand Steward the year past.

Voted, That the price of Diplomas to be paid by the subordinate Chapters to Grand Chapter be at and after the rate of two dollars each.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th, 5808.

PRESENT:

M.E. ISAIAH THOMAS, Esq.,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. SHUBAEL BELL,	Grand King.
" JAS. D. HOPKINS,	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
JOSIAH CALEF,	" "
ROB'T LASH, Jr.,	" "
WM. TOMPKINS,	Inside Sentinel.
EBENEZER OLIVER,	Tyler.

E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, Rep. St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter.
" THOMAS REDMAN, " " " " "
" AB'N MOORE, Rep. St. John's Royal Arch Chapter.
TIMOTHY WHITING and NICHOLAS GODDARD, Visitors.

Companion Robert Lash, Jr., having declined to serve as Steward, the M.E. High Priest appointed Companion Josiah Calef, who was installed into office.

The M.E. High Priest appointed Comp. M.E. Henry Fowle, Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. M.E. B. Russell having resigned.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN, *Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 13th, 5809.

PRESENT:

M.E. ISAIAH THOMAS, Esq.,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Grand King.
" SHUBAEL BELL,	Grand Scribe.

E. Andrew Sigourney, . Grand Treasurer.
Edw'd Horsman, . . Grand Secretary.
Henry Purkett, . . Grand Marshal.
Seth Johnson, . . Grand Steward.
Josiah Calef, . . " "
Wm. Tompkins, . . Inside Sentinel.
Wm. Eaton, . . Tyler.
E. John B. Hammatt, Rep. St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter.
" Robert Lash, Jr., " " " " "

Comp. Coffin admitted by vote.

A petition from sundry persons at Roxbury, praying for a Charter was read, but being informal, was not voted upon, and the Secretary was directed to notify the applicants of the same and forward them a copy of the By-Laws, &c., of the Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Committee appointed to revise the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, made report, which was not acted upon by reason of the thin attendance of the members.

A lesson on the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees was then given.

Voted, That a dinner be provided for the Grand Chapter at the Annual Meeting at Newburyport in September next, and that the expenses so far as relates to the officers and permanent members, be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Comps. E. Jonathan Gage, E. Stephen Howard and E. Gilman White, were appointed a Committee to carry the foregoing vote into effect.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,

Grand Secretary.